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1. Polish, Soviet and German military formations participated in joint maneuvers from 14 to 22 September 1952 in the area between the Oder and Vistula rivers. During these exercises certain sectors of the road from Szczecin (Stettin-654/255) to Chojnice (P54/M41) were closed to civilian traffic for several days. One Soviet mechanized division together with Soviet engineers and marines participated. Two Polish divisions formed the nucleus of the forces taking part in the exercises. One of the Polish divisions was from Torun (254/J32). The maneuvers on land were held jointly with maneuvers on the Polish coast. Soviet PS (Katyuszy) (sic) were used during the exercises on the coast with the purpose of determining their usefulness for the defense of the coast in the event of enemy attack.
2. Two mechanized units, believed by the informant to be German, passed through Szczecin during the early morning hours of 12 September 1952 in the direction of Chojnice. Orders were given in German and the designations on the vehicles were German. The designation PB followed by a number on the vehicles was taken to mean Praderburg. It is the opinion of the informant that the troops came from the Praderburg area. There were over 100 trucks and approximately 20 jeeps in the first unit passing through Szczecin. The troops were armed with carbines and automatic weapons. No artillery was observed.

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